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Title: MACH-ZEHNDER INTERFEROMETER
OPTICAL SWITCH AND MACH-ZEHNDER
INTERFEROMETER TEMPERATURE SENSOR

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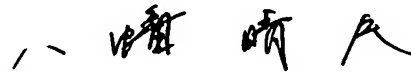
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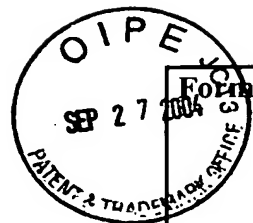
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